

THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI,

REVISED AND DIGESTED BY THE EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DURING
THE SESSION OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR
AND ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED THE
CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

AND OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI,

WITH AN
APPENDIX,

INCLUDING CERTAIN LOCAL ACTS OF THIS STATE, AND LAWS OF CONGRESS,
AND FORM BOOK.

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CHAPTER CXIV.

NEGROES AND MULATTOES.

AN ACT CONCERNING FREE NEGROES AND MULATTOES. (a)

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:—

SECTION 1.—Every person other than a negro, any one of whose grandfathers or grandmothers is, or shall have been, a negro, although all his or her other progenitors, except those descending from the negro, may have been white persons, shall be deemed a mulatto; and every such person,

Who deemed
a mulatto.

(a) The statutes concerning free negroes and mulattoes, and slaves, were not revised by the Legislature at its past session. A bill embracing their revision passed the House, but failed in the Senate.

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Weapons found in possession of negro or mulatto shall be forfeited.

County court to bind as apprentices free negroes or mulattoes.

How the courts shall proceed in such cases.

Clerk to keep a register; what he shall enter therein.

Free negro or mulatto, not to reside within this State, when.

who shall have one-fourth or more negro blood, shall, in like manner, be deemed a mulatto.

SEC. 2.—No free negro or mulatto shall be suffered to keep or carry any firelock, or weapon of any kind, or any ammunition, without a license first had and obtained for the purpose, from a justice of the peace of the county in which such free negro or mulatto resides, and such license may be revoked at any time by the justice granting the same, or by any justice of the county.

SEC. 3.—Any gun, firelock, or weapon of any kind, or any ammunition, found in the possession of any free negro or mulatto not having a license, as required by the last preceding section, may be seized by any person, and upon due proof thereof, before any justice of the peace of the county in which such seizure shall have been made, shall be forfeited by order of such justice, to the person making the seizure, for his own use.

SEC. 4.—The several county courts are authorized and required to cause to be brought before them all free negroes and mulattoes, between the ages of seven and twenty-one years, found within their county, and bind them out to be apprentices or servants until they arrive at the age of twenty-one years; but no colored apprentice shall be placed in company with a free white apprentice, to be taught any trade or occupation.

SEC. 5.—The courts shall proceed in such cases in the same manner as is directed by law, in binding out children chargeable to the county; and the apprentice or servant so bound, and his master or mistress, shall be subject to the same control, obligations and responsibilities, and shall have the same rights and remedies, in all respects, as are or shall be declared, by law, in cases of bound apprentices.

SEC. 6.—The clerk of the county court shall keep a register of all such bound negro and mulatto apprentices and servants, and enter therein the name, age and personal appearance, of servants and apprentices, the name, residence and occupation, of the master or mistress, and the date of the binding; which register shall be kept open to the inspection of all persons, at reasonable hours.

SEC. 7.—No free negro or mulatto shall be permitted to reside within this State, unless he obtain a license, or other-